THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

TUESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006

W.P.No. 633 of 2006

Between:-

Toddy Tappers Co-operative Society Hanamkonda, Hanamkonda, Warangal district rep., by its President Mr. Maragoni Sammaiah.

--Petitioner

And

The Prohibition & Excise Inspector, S.H.O., Hanamkonda, Warangal district and two others.

--Respondents

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Oral order:-

The Toddy Tappers Co-operative Society, Hanamkonda is the petitioner in these writ petitions. The writ petitions are filed assailing the two orders both dated 21-12-2006 of the 2nd respondent suspending the licenses of two toddy shops of the petitioner-Society.

The premises of the two shops were inspected by the Task Force on 09-12-2005, a spot test was conducted of the toddy stored and the test revealed adulteration of toddy with Chloral Hydrate. Samples of the toddy were sent for chemical analysis. The Chemical Examiner submitted a report confirming the results of the spot test viz., adulteration of toddy with Chloral Hydrate. As the licenses were suspended by the order dated 21-12-2005, the writ petitions are filed.

Thereafter, it would appear, show cause notices proposing cancellation of licenses were issued. These notices however could not initially be served, as the President of the petitioner association is alleged to have absconded. Eventually the notices were served on 08-02-2006. Thereafter, as no explanation was received from the petitioner-Society, cancellation orders were passed cancelling the licenses of the concerned shops. These writ petitions are concerned only with the validity of the suspension of the licenses.

As the spot test revealed adulteration of toddy with Chloral Hydrate an extremely pernicious and dangerous adulterant, public interest mandates non-interference with the orders of suspension pending inquiry of a license. In any event, further developments led to the cancellation of licenses. The petitioner-Society is at liberty to pursue appropriate remedies against the orders of cancellation of the

licenses. No case for interference in these writ petitions is however made out.

The writ petitions are dismissed. No costs.

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GODA RAGHURAM, J

Date: 21-02-2006

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